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1. EMBASSY CONTINUING TO RECEIVE FREQUENT COMMENTS ON QUERIES FROM SPANISH CONTACTS OVER ALLEGED EXPRESSIONS OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR ANNEXATION OF SPANISH SAHARA BY MOROCCO. LATEST PRESS REPORT THAT HAS STIMULATED SPANISH INTEREST AND CONCERN APPEARED JUNE 19 IN PUEBLO, TABLOID OF SPANISH SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION.

2. UNDER LEAD LINE, "SUSPICIOUS PARTIALITY", PUEBLO CLAIMS THAT ALLEGED KISSINGER DECLARATIONS ON SAHARA ARE SEEN IN SPAIN"... NOT ONLY AS SUSPICIOUS PARTIALITY, BUT ALSO AS INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS THAT, IN THEORY, ARE THE EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM."

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3. WE BELIEVE SOME CLARIFYING STATEMENT AT THIS TIME

WOULD RESTORE PERSPECTIVE TO PRESS COVERAGE AND HELP US
ANSWER QUERIES HERE. ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT'S
APPROVAL FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE BY EMBASSY OF STATEMENT ALONG
THESE LINES:

" IN VIEW OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES
CONCERNING THE ALLEGED POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES
ON THE FUTURE OF THE SAHARA, THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

" THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE SAHARA
ISSUE, AND ITS POSITION ON THAT DISPUTE REMAINS ONE
OF NEUTRALITY. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT THE
ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY BY THE PARTIES CON-
CERNED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE APPLICABLE UNITED
NATIONS RESOLUTIONS."
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